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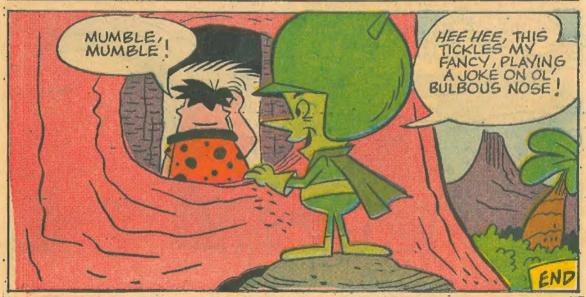


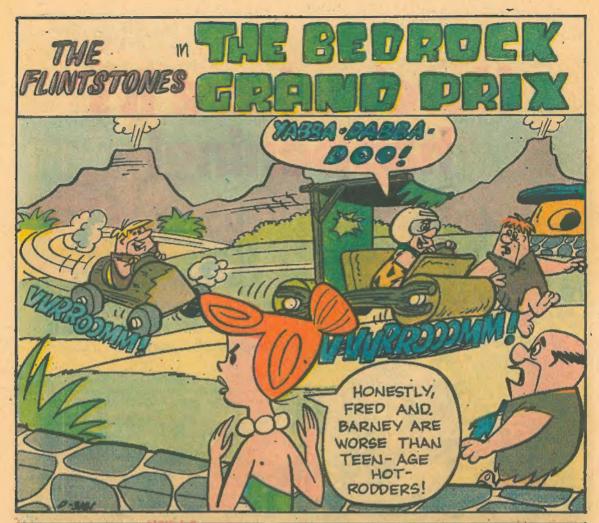
























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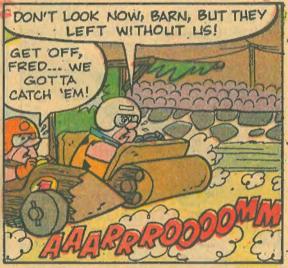




















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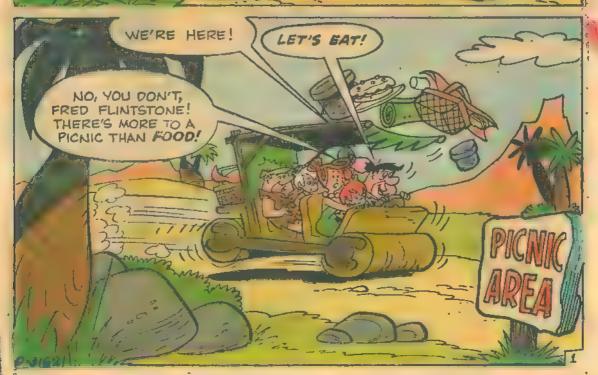












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My first appointment as a teacher was to P.S. 12 which was located on the east side of our city. I was young and full of energy and enthusiasm. I wanted to the e good teacher. I taught there for five years and then went to a junior high school. That was a promotion for me. Only trouble with teaching is that you came up against a lot of situations which could be bewildering to you. You were never taught about their existence or how to handle them by the professors in the education courses.

Donald was absent on Monday. The rule in the school was that if you were absent you had to bring a note signed by one of your parents giving the date of obsence and the reason for it.

"Where is your absence note?" I said to Donald as the was standing at the side of my desk in our official slassroom.

He put his hand into his cost pocket. It come out empty. Then he put his hand into each of the two pockets outside of his cost. No note. Then he tried the side pockets of his trousers. Still no note. I saw his hand go for his back pocket. But he didn't put his hand into

"Go put your hand into your back pecket," I suggested. "The note must be there."

"Can't do it, teacher," he sighed: "Because if the note isn't in my last pocket, then I am sure out of luck."

Ten minutes later his mother came to school. He had forgotten to take his absence note and left it en, the table.

"Next time, I'll pin it on the outside of his cout," she

One term I was given by the principal a "Special B" Class which meant that every boy and girl in that class had a high intelligence quotient. Those kids felt that they knew more than the teacher. And alas, sometimes they did. But what they could do to a lessen! One day I was explaining "wise sayings" to the class.

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks," I remarked.
"Now who can explain what that means?"

Peter waved his hand wildly, and I told him to stand. He had an objection to make.

"Why can't you teach an old dog new tricks? Do you have any evidence to present to show it can't be done? I am going to be a scientist. So you have to show me. Who conducted an experiment to prove it?"

I should have quit right there and then. Then Mar-

she raised her hand. She had a contribution to make.

"I think wheever made up that saying never had a dog. We have a very old dog in our home. His name is Chumpy. I have taught him some new tricks. If you would like-it, I could bring Chumpy to school. I will show you that you can teach an old dog new tricks."

"I think somebody get that ald saying mixed up," said Jimmy. "I think it should be that you can teach a new dog ald tricks. Did you know that there is a book about dag tricks? I have a new dog. My aunt gave him to me for my birthday. His name is Popper. And I am teaching him some old tricks, I can bring him to school and you can watch me teach him some tricks."

Fortunately, the lunch belt was just about to sound.

And when It did, it really saved me from days, tricks, and students.

Same of us use the expression "Nore fiddled while". Rome burned." It does convey an idea of how we can do something not important while very vital matters demand our attention. So I asked my class this question: "

"What was the name of the Emperer who fiddled while Rome burned?"

Mary-Ann raised her hand; and when she arese from her seat, she was somewhat puzzled.

"I know ith how it it i just forget it. It is the name of a dag. Not Skimpy! Not Boston! I know it! Nere! That's the name of Danny's Dag. Nore!"

"You are right," I smiled, "You get a mark of 100% for that answer."

"She's wrong and so are you," half shouted Louis as he jumped up from his seat." I play the violin. I know all about the history of the violin. There were no violins in the days of ancient Rome. So Nero could not have been fiddling while Rome was burning. Anyway, they should have had a fire department. But letme say that Nere-was playing a harp. That was what he was doing."

"Teacher is right," interrupted Danald. "The word fiddle has another meaning. My father showed it to me in the dictionary. It means to waste time. So you see that Nero was really fiddling. And I say he was fiddling with the harp. He didn't have an ear for music. Maybe it made the Romans so med that they decided to burn Bome down."

Will some future historian settle that matter for me?

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FRED, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE CALLED YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE AGAIN!



WILMA, I WAS HAVING A WONDERFUL DREAM ABOUT A NEW STATION WAGON! FOR THE ONE YOU HAVE, YOU'LL BE DOING GOOD!











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